

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Plaintiff,)
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vs.)
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CORLEONE MONSHAE McCURRY,) 8:08CR87
CHRISTIAN NERO COPELAND,)
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Defendants.)

**PRELIMINARY ORDER
OF FORFEITURE**

This matter is before the Court on the United States' Motion for Issuance of Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (Filing No. 55). The Court reviews the record in this case and, being duly advised in the premises, finds as follows:

1. The Defendants have entered into Plea Agreements, whereby they have agreed to plead guilty to Counts II, III, V and VI of said Indictment. Count II charges the Defendants with one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine base, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1). Count III charges the Defendants with using and carrying a firearm during and in relation to, or possessing a firearm in furtherance of, the drug trafficking crime charged in Count II, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c). Count V of said Indictment seeks the forfeiture, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853, of \$60.00, \$122.00, \$306.00, \$144.00 and \$30.00 on the basis they were used or were intended to be used to facilitate said controlled substance violation and/or were derived from proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the commission of the crime charged in Count II. Count VI of said Indictment seeks the forfeiture, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), of a 9mm Sturm Ruger semi-automatic pistol on the

basis it was a firearm involved or used in the knowing commission of the offense charged in Count III.

2. By virtue of said pleas of guilty, the Defendants forfeit their interest in the subject properties, and the United States should be entitled to possession of said properties, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853, 18 U.S.C. § 924(d) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

IT IS ORDERED:

A. The United States' Motion for Issuance of Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (Filing No. 55) is hereby sustained.

B. Based upon Counts V and VI of the Indictment and the Defendants' pleas of guilty, the United States is hereby authorized to seize the \$60.00, \$122.00, \$306.00, \$144.00, \$30.00 and the 9mm Sturm Ruger semi-automatic pistol.

C. The Defendant's interest in said properties is hereby forfeited to the United States for disposition in accordance with the law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1).

D. The aforementioned forfeited properties are to be held by the United States in its secure custody and control.

E. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), the United States of America forthwith shall publish at least once for three successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation, in the county where the subject properties are situated, notice of this Order, Notice of Publication evidencing the United States' intent to dispose of the properties in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, and notice that any person, other than the Defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in any of the subject forfeited properties must file a

Petition with the court within thirty days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier.

F. Said published notice shall state the Petition referred to in Paragraph E., above, shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the Petitioner's alleged interest in the properties, shall be signed by the Petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the Petitioner's right, title or interest in the subject properties and any additional facts supporting the Petitioner's claim and the relief sought.

G. The United States may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have alleged an interest in the properties subject to this Order as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

H. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), in which all interests will be addressed.

DATED this 25th day of June, 2008.

BY THE COURT:

s/Laurie Smith Camp
United States District Judge